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USEFUL AND INTERESTING.

TEST FOR COLORLESS MATTERS IN WINES.—Mr. Mellies, a member of the Society of Natural and Physical Sciences of Toulouse, France, has just discovered a test for coloring matters used in adulterating wines.

In a test-tube of the capacity of two ounces or so, pour about half an ounce of the wine to be tested. One ounce of sulphuric ether has now to be mixed with the wine, and both agitated together for a few minutes. Allow the tube to stand a short time, and the ether will rise to the surface of the wine, either colored or clear. If the ether is colored in yellow, and if by adding a few drops of liquid ammonia it turns purple with a violet tinge, the wine has been adulterated with logwood. If the ether is colored in red, turn violet by adding a few drops of ammonia and remains violet even by adding an excess of ammonia. The wine has been adulterated with archil. If the ether is colored in red, and colors to ammonia without becoming violet, the wine contains cochineal. If the red ether is dissolved by ammonia without the ammonia becoming red itself, the wine contains fuscus. If the ether rises in the tube perfectly clear, it has to be mixed with twice its volume of water and half its volume of ammonia: if after agitation the wine becomes of a violet tinge, it contains cochineal. If it becomes green it does not contain any of the substances above mentioned.

The tests for the coloring matter of the hycalca, hybile, and hollyhock, so much used in adulterating wines, have not been found yet, but the author continues his experiments.

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